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1. Mission. The 18th Intelligence Squadron (18 IS) provides, through space systems expertise, tailored intelligence to the planning, development, and execution of space control operations. The 18 IS consists of a headquarters element at Schriever AFB and four geographically-separated detachments: Detachment 1, Holloman AFB; Detachment 2, Osan AB; Detachment 3, Misawa AB; and Detachment 4, Royal Air Force Feltwell.

2. Command. The 18 IS is a subordinate unit to the 544th Intelligence Group, subordinate to Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), a field operating agency subordinate to the Director of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (HQ USAF/XOI).

3. Responsibilities. The 18 IS:

3.1. Through fixed and mobile sites, provides scientific and technical collection to the NSA (National Security Agency), AIA, AFMC (Air Force Materiel Command), and 21st Space Wing, Passive Space Surveillance (21 SW/PASS) mission. Where available, also provides limited analysis to the entities.

3.2. Through fixed sites and mobile systems, provides tailored intelligence to the 21 SW/PASS mission, AIA, and national-level agencies.

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